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10. Madhya Pradesh	2378
11. Maharashtra	385
12. Manipur	58
13. Meghalaya	104
14. Nagaland	123
15. Orissa	866
16. Punjab	..
17. Rajasthan	713
18. Sikkim	30
19. Tamil Nadu	..
20. Tripura	118
21. Uttar Pradesh	2817
22. West Bengal	841
TOTAL :	13196

Relief to drug consumers

2697. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times Evening News on 7th March, 1988 under the heading "Drug Unit reliefs of little use to consumers";

(b) whether it is a fact that Category I drugs have been exempted from excise duty in the proposed budget;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are used mainly for the National Health Programme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more than 90 per cent of the medicines based on these drugs are purchased by the Ministry of Health; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that there will be very little relief to the consumer whereas by levying of excise duty on other drugs there will be a heavy burden, apart from steep increases in the prices of essential medicines upto 300 per cent during the last two months?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Category I consists of drugs for National Health Programme identified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(e) No, Sir.

Bulk Drugs for Selvigon Tablets

2698. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1198 given in the

Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs required for the manufacture of Selvigon tablets, Neosporin eye drops and Actidil tablets;

(b) whether all these drugs have been price decontrolled;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price increase between 65 per cent to 105 per cent of these medicines has no justification; and

(d) what is the purpose of monitoring the prices of products when unjustified price increases are not brought back under price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) To the extent information is available the required details are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to revise the prices of their products as per provisions of DPC, 1987.

(d) On the intervention of the Government, the price of the Neosporin has been reduced by the company.

Statement

Sl. No.	Product	Company	Bulk Drugs
1.	Selvigon Tablets	German Remedies	Pipazethate Hcl.
2.	Neosoprin Eye Drops	Burroughs Wellcome	1. Polymxyin B. Sulphate 2. Neomycin Sulphate 3. Gramicidin
3.	Actidil Tablets	Burroughs Wellcome	Triprolidine Hcl.

Controlling the Prices of Raricap, etc.

2699. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the drugs going into the manufacture of Raricap, Autrin, Livogen, Fefol and Dumasules are exempted from price control; and

(b) if so, what is the method of controlling the prices of these medicines when inputs are out of price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prices of these medicines will be determined as per provisions of paragraph 6 and 7 of the DPCO, 1987.

Cellular Phones for Rural Areas

2700. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government for introducing cellular phones for rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provision of cellular phones in the rural areas is a priority item?